

## ASP MAX-MEX 2006 -----MILAGRO UPDATE

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### UNIVERSUM – MILAGRO OPENING SESSION

On March 2, 2006, the official opening ceremony of MILAGRO was held at the Universidad Autonoma Nacional de Mexico (UNAM) main campus at the newly opened Universum – Science Museum in Mexico City, D.F.

Rick Petty, Jeff Gaffney, and Nancy Marley were at the opening to represent the Department of Energy ASP effort. NSF was represented by Anne Marie Schmoltner and Sasha Madronich, and NASA by Bruce Doddridge at this ceremony. Some photos of the ceremony are attached. A MILAGRO overview was given by Luisa Molina representing the MCMA -2006 effort and the proceedings were emceed by Dr. Adrian Fernandez, the President of the Instituto Nacional de Ecologia. Also present were high representatives of the University at this opening ceremony, and other major officials from Mexico City, the State of Mexico and Hidalgo, SENEAM, SEDENA, and also the owners of the Rancho Bisnaga (Senor and Senora Fernandez). In all over 300 people attended the ceremony and also were there for the opening of a special poster session put together by the MILAGRO group under the direction of Luisa Molina that will be on view at the Universum as an exhibit for the months to come.



Rick Petty, Bruce Doddridge, Mex. Representative, Mex. Rep. UNAM, Luisa Molina, and Anne-Marie Schmoltner in the Universum auditorium at opening ceremony March 2, 2006 evening.



Luisa Molina presenting  
MILAGRO Overview.



Photo of one of two MILAGRO cakes.. Rick Petty talking to U.S. State Department official, and Rick at the opening ceremony of 300 plus attendees.